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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO THE WHITE HOUSE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARMANLIS, CONSTANTINE) GR, US

SUBJECT: CARAMANLIS VISIT TO THE U.S.

(A) ATHENS 2203, (B) ATHENS 2152, (C) STATE 056370

1. I TRIED FURTHER LAST NIGMT AND AGAIN THIS MORNING TO GET CARAMANLIS TO AGREE TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY OF HIS VISIT BUT HE REMAINS ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO ANNOUNCING IT THIS FAR IN ADVANCE (REFTELS). DURING THE COURSE OF THESE EXCHANGES I HAVE TRIED TO FIND OUT HOW FAR I COULD GET CARAMANLIS TO GO AND AT ONE POINT GOT INTO A DISCUSSION OF THE PRESIDENT'S FORTHCOMING FOREIGN POLICY MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS, WHICH I UNDERSTAND WILL BE RELEASED LATER THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT. IN ANY CASE -- IN ORDER NOT TO BE COMPLETELY "NEGATIVE" IN HIS RESPONSE, WHICH I SAID WOULD BE UNWISE ON HIS PART -- CARAMANLIS HAS SAID HE WOULD NOT OBJECT IF THE PRESIDENT WANTED TO PUT INTO HIS MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE: BEGIN TEXT THE PRESIDENT HAS INVITED THE PRIME MINISTER OF GREECE (OR, PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS) TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES OFFICIALLY AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR (OR, NOT TOO DISTANT) FUTURE. END TEXT

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2. I SAID I DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE WHITE HOUSE

WOULD BE INTERESTED IN USING THE SENTENCE BUT WOULD
PASS THIS OPTION ALONG TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY.

3. IF THE SENTENCE IS USED AND THERE IS STRONG PRESSURE
FROM THE PRESS FOR FURTHER DETAILS, WE CAN GO BACK
TO CARAMANLIS AGAIN WITH THE PROPOSED TEXT AND
ANOTHER DATE FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT. HE STRONGLY PREFERS
TO WAIT UNTIL CLOSER TO THE VISIT DATES AND, IF POSSIBLE,
UNTIL LATE MAY, BUT I THINK HE WILL BE WILLING TO
TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT THE MATTER IN ANOTHER WEEK OR
TWO IF CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE IT ADVISABLE.
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